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ON the report of a committee, to who was referred a motion of Mr. Pinckney:

WHEREAS many states in the union continue to be unrepresented in Congress, or to be represented by only two members, notwithstanding the many urgent recommendations of Congress for remedying these defects, particularly those of 1st November 1783, and the 19th of April 1784; and whereas from the want of a compleat representation, the great interests of the union have frequently been and continue to be neglected or delayed, and the confederation itself, or the administration thereof by Congress, may be considered as the cause of evils which solely result from an incompleat representation; and whereas it is incumbent on Congress to prevent opinions so derogatory to their honor, and so dangerous to the public welfare.

RESOLVED, That the secretary of Congress shall once in in every month, transmit to the legislatures of the respective states, a list of the states represented, and of those unrepresented in Congress, and of the members from each state, that effectual measures may from time to time be taken by such states, as may be unrepresented, or represented by only two members, to remedy these defects.

ORDERED, That a copy of this resolve, and of those to which the first paragraph of the preamble refers, be transmitted to the legislature of the respective states.

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